Who Lives in You?

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He that abideth in me & I in him
the same beareth much fruit.

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Gal. 2:20 "Christ liveth in me".
Lk 17:21 "The kingdom of God is within you".

Intro. Another Lenten season is at hand.

Motto – "Christ liveth in me". Gal. 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live in faith, the faith which is in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself up for me."

– the outer world – the ~~microcosm~~ cosmos
the inner world – the microcosm
worlds within worlds!

We usually think of ourselves as inhabitants of the earth, as individuals who collectively comprise the human race.

We seldom think of ourselves as inhabited, as being occupied, or possessed by others.

No man lives unto himself. Each of us is a world, a kingdom, a society. Each of us is inhabited, either sparsely settled or densely populated. Each is a city or a desert, a highway or a trail.

Whom do you allow to become the citizens of the sacred kingdom of yourself?

3. What restrictions do you place on immigration at the ports of entry to your soul? What industries flourish in the world of your being? What harvests are gathered from your tilling and reaping?

the humble home in Texas, far removed from the railroad. Father mother & daughter Struck oil – wealth. Parents continue to live simple life. Daughter given an education. Musical talent. She makes Beethoven, Liszt, Bach, Schubert Chopin and other immortals live in that humble home.

Who lives in you? What guests accept the hospitality of your heart? What mighty spirits of the wise & good sit with you at the "feasts of reason & the flow of soul"? What caravans drop from afar their costly merchandise in the market-place of your mind?

When the Apostle Paul was the self-centered Saul, with all his education and high position and favored ancestry, he did'nt amount to much except to stand in the way of progress. But when Paul died unto himself and let Christ take possession of his soul he penetrated the very heart of Rome and carried the flaming gospel of God's salvation to all

4 and dies to let Christ live instead — then the full gospel power & light is generated — then it reaches out to call all men brothers, then it touches the whole of life to make all relationships right — both between God and man and between man and man.

It was Christ in Paul that enabled the apostle to change the world — the Christ-purpose, the Christ-love, the Christ-spirit.

The Gospel is more than a message or a way — it is a life. Regeneration is the new creation of both society and the individuals who compose it. We must be born again. Personal redemption and social redemption must go hand in hand. We must change our self-centered ingrowing Xty to a Christ-centered outgoing Xty

~~Read from Marion's letter~~.

Social & economic reformation must be accompanied by a directed power to change the individual at the centers of thought & emotion, and out to the last frontier of personality. The world within and the world without must be harmonized parts of the Empire. He closed the door of Xty against Judaism and opened the gates of heaven to the whole gentile world.

"Christ liveth in me", and Luther blew up the dungeon of the Dark Ages to let God build our modern world.

"Christ Liveth in me" and John Wesley put flesh and blood on the dry bones of formal worship and unbelief, until the world again felt the saving pulse of God's love.

"Christ Liveth in Me" and Xns became missionaries, carrying the Gospel to all peoples and countries, in obedience to X's command.

Now I wonder if you have caught the difference between "I live in Christ" and "Christ lives in Me"

The Xty that has been merely individualistic & self-centered, with no sense of social responsibility, has utterly failed. The "God and me" type of religion is not Xty. But when self is crucified with Christ

A great America can only be made by great Americans. Americans can be made great only as their kingdoms within themselves are conformed to the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is within you.

Great reformations in society are blood-born in leaders who incarnate the faith and principles that send mankind to another Canaan. It was so with Jesus, with Paul, with Luther, with Lincoln, with all who have "subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises".

Who lives in you? Who alone has the power to save you from the pettiness of self-expression and guide you to the fulness of self-realization? Who looks out thru your eyes upon this dangerous but challenging world? Who faces with you the tremendous issues of economic adjustment and social reform? When you go to the polls to vote, who casts the vote, you or the Christ in you?

'Christ liveth in me." "It is no longer I that liveth, but Christ liveth in me."

"The Kingdom of God is within you."